CFAC Minutes 12/23/2020

Today's CFAC meeting was held to discuss the reversion of unspent CFAC dollars and DFM's proposal for final allocations of the COVID relief money.

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order at 4:01pm. All members were present except for Chief Allen and Lt. Governor McGeachin.

To start the meeting, Governor Brad Little spoke to the committee to commend them on the work they have done and for their dedication to helping Idaho through COVID.

Next, Chairman Adams stated that he intended to pull back \$17 million of unspent dollars that had been given to state agencies, cities, and counties. Joshua Whitworth stated that the State Controllers Office was confident in the \$17 million number as they have been working through all preapprovals and projects requested from different state entities.

Next, Director Dave Jeppesen presented the Department of Health and Welfare's proposal for \$29,000,000. These funds would first bridge the gap in funding for Health and Welfare until the new federal stimulus bill is implemented as well as cover the few categories the federal bill does not. These costs include help covering mass vaccination, financial relief to healthcare providers, hospital surge capacity, and communications to the citizens for things such as vaccine updates. Senator Wintrow asked if the director had sufficient resources to help keep patients who are at home in proper conditions and in their home. Director Jeppesen stated they did through CFAC's previous allocations to Health and Welfare.

Next, the Department of Veteran Services presented their proposal for \$7.62 million that would help fund all three of its veteran homes. The money will go towards various PPE and utility items to help keep the homes safe and clean through the coming months of the pandemic.

Next, Jani Revier presented the Department of Labor's request for \$6.71 million to help cover the shortfall the Department will see in the coming year with its federal grant. The majority of the request will go towards staffing at the Department to help people through this time of uncertainty and raised unemployment.

Next, Lt. Colonel Kelly presented the Idaho State Police's proposal for \$350,000 for increased security costs at the upcoming Idaho session at the request of the Speaker of the House and President Pro Temp of the Senate. Senator Wintrow asked for some details on how the \$350,000 number was landed on. Lt. Colonel Kelly stated that the Idaho State Police and the leaders of the bodies wanted more dedicated troopers at the capitol for the process and came up with the numbers by looking at the costs of troopers that already work there.

Next, Director Jeff Weak presented the Department of Information and Technology Services proposal for \$1.8 million for increased security and access to Microsoft tools. This will allow state employees who work from home the proper security to work remotely on state systems and will give ITS the ability to better secure Idaho's digital assets through both state employees working from home and from their main campus. This will go towards all 54 supported stated agencies. Seth Grigg asked about the duration of the project, Director Weak stated that this will be a multi-year deal.

Last, Chairman Adams proposed leaving \$10 million in the Governor's emergency account to cover any new COVID developments into the new year.

Tom Kealey moved to approve all items on the consent agenda, seconded by Matt Newton. Chairman Adams clarified that the motion was for all consent items as well as the reduced Information and Technology Service proposal total. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Adams concluded the meeting thanking the committee members for all their work they have done over the last 25 meetings and stated that he was proud of the work they had accomplished.